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July 19, 2012

## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Annual Request for Revised Rates

Docket No. 2012-186-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing is South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Return in Opposition and Objection to the Petition to Intervene of Mr. Joseph Wojcicki in the above-referenced docket.

By copy of this letter, we are also serving Mr. Wojcicki and counsel for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff with a copy of the enclosed document and attach a certificate of service to that effect.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

K. Chad Burgess

KCB/mcs Enclosures

cc:

Joseph Wojcicki John W. Flitter

Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire

Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Esquire

(all via U.S. First Class Mail)

#### **BEFORE**

#### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

## **DOCKET NO. 2012-186-E**

#### IN RE:

South Carolina Electric & Gas	)	
Company's Annual Request for	)	RETURN IN OPPOSITION
Revised Rates.	)	AND OBJECTION OF SCE&G
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# RETURN IN OPPOSITION AND OBJECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY TO PETITION TO INTERVENE OF JOSEPH WOJCICKI

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "Company") hereby files with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") this Return in Opposition and Objection to the Petition to Intervene of Mr. Joseph Wojcicki served upon counsel for SCE&G on July 9, 2012, in the above-captioned matter. For the reasons set forth herein, SCE&G respectfully requests that the Commission deny Mr. Wojcicki's request to intervene in this docket.

#### ARGUMENT

The Commission should deny the Petition to Intervene because Mr. Wojcicki lacks the requisite standing to participate in this proceeding.

The grant or denial of a petition to intervene is within the sound discretion of the Commission. However, such discretion is bounded by guiding principles and factors. One such principle is that a party generally must have standing to intervene. See Ex Parte Gov't Employee's Ins. Co., 373 S.C. 132, 644 S.E.2d 699 (2007). To have standing, a party must have a personal stake in the subject matter of the proceeding. See Duke Power Co. v. South Carolina Pub. Serv. Comm'n, 284 S.C. 81, 326 S.E.2d 395 (1985) (stating that a party must have a "personal stake" in the subject matter of the proceeding). Under South Carolina law, the party asserting standing must show an actual or likely "invasion of a legally protected interest which is (a) concrete and particularized, and (b) actual or imminent, not conjectural or hypothetical." Smiley v. S.C. Dept. of Health & Envtl. Control, 374 S.C. 326, 329, 649 S.E.2d 31, 32-33 (2007) (quoting Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife, 504 U.S. 555, 560-561, 112 S.Ct. 2130, 119 L.Ed.2d 351 (1992)) (internal quotations and citations omitted); Sea Pines Ass'n for the Protection of Wildlife, Inc. v. S.C. Dep't of Natural Resources, 345 S.C. 594, 550 S.E.2d 287 (2001). asserting standing "must be affected in a personal and individualized way by the [regulatory] decision." Smiley, 374 S.C. at 330, 649 S.E.2d at 33 (quoting Lujan, The "imminent prejudice must be of a personal nature to the party laying claim to standing and not merely of general interest common to all members of the public." Sea Pines Ass'n, 345 S.C. at 600, 550 S.E.2d at 291.

In Docket No. 2009-498-E styled as "Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Increase and Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs," the Commission acknowledged the legal precedent established in Ex Parte Gov't Employee's Ins. Co. and Duke Power Co. v. South Carolina Pub. Serv. Comm'n,

applied the law established in those cases, and ruled that Mr. Wojcicki lacked the requisite standing to intervene in Docket No. 2009-489-E. See Order No. 2010-221.

In Docket No. 2012-203-E, Mr. Wojiciki sought to intervene in another SCE&G proceeding. By Order No. 2012-495 dated July 17, 2012, the Commission ruled that Mr. Wojcicki's Petition failed to meet the legal standards for a Petition to Intervene in South Carolina. Accordingly, the Commission denied his request to intervene.

Mr. Wojcicki did not possess the personal stake necessary to intervene in Docket No. 2009-489-E or Docket No. 2012-203-E, and nothing has changed since the rulings issued by the Commission in those dockets to warrant a different outcome in this proceeding. In other words, the Commission should deny Mr. Wojickci's request to intervene in the instant docket.

According to SCE&G's customer service records, the Company does not provide electric service to Mr. Wojcicki. See attached Exhibit A (Affidavit of Marsha H. Klatt). Simply stated, Mr. Wojcicki is not an electric customer of SCE&G and he admits this fact in his Petition to Intervene by stating, "I am not a SCE&G customer . . . ." See Petition to Intervene ¶2. Because Mr. Wojcicki is not an SCE&G customer, he does not possess the requisite standing to be a party of record in this docket. Cf. Duke Power Co. v. South Carolina Pub. Serv. Comm'n, 284 S.C. 81, 326 S.E.2d 395 (1985) (holding that the actual ratepayers lacked standing because their asserted interests were "too contingent, hypothetical, and improbable to support standing to attack the . . . practices of the Public Service Commission").

Moreover, Mr. Wojcicki's assertion that (i) he lives "less than 25 mile air distance from Jenkinsville location of SCE&G Nuclear Generation Station/Facility," (ii) he has a "financial interest . . . in the shareholdings in SCANA Corporation," and (iii) his "payments indirectly cover reported investment of \$474,923,000 on 2012-6-30 for Unit n2 and 3 in Jenkinsville" does not constitute a "personal stake" thereby elevating him to the status of an intervenor. *Id.* Furthermore, his claim of "representing 'a good knowledge for Nuclear Renaissance' in Energy Utilization, Electric Grid Topology, Safety Systems . . . also does not constitute a "personal stake" in this matter. *See Anchor Point, Inc. v. Shoals Sewer Co.*, 308 S.C. 422, 418 S.E.2d 546 (1992) (a real party in interest is one who has a real, material, or substantial interest in the subject matter of the action, as opposed to one who has only a nominal or technical interest in the action).

Based on the foregoing, Mr. Wojcicki has failed to meet the threshold required to qualify as an intervenor in this proceeding, and his Petition to Intervene must be denied. Therefore, SCE&G respectfully requests that the Commission deny the Petition to Intervene.

## [SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

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Cayce, South Carolina July 19, 2012

#### **BEFORE**

#### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

## **DOCKET NO. 2012-186-E**

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South Carolina Electric & Gas	)	
Company's Annual Request for	)	AFFIDAVIT OF
Revised Rates.	)	MARSHA H. KLATT
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Personally appeared before me Marsha H. Klatt who, having first been duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. My name is Marsha H. Klatt and I am a Senior Analyst for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "Company").
- 2. This affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge and review of documents received and maintained in the ordinary course of business by SCE&G. I am familiar with the records of SCE&G that pertain to its customers.
- 3. I conducted a search of the Company's records and determined that Mr. Joseph Wojcicki is not an electric customer of SCE&G.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Marsha H. Klatt Marsha H. Klatt

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of July, 2012

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 5/30/201

#### **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

## **DOCKET NO. 2012 - 186 - E**

IN	RE:

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's	)	
Annual Request for Revised Rates	)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Return in Opposition and Objection to the Petition to Intervene of Joseph Wojcicki via U.S. First Class Mail to the persons named below at the addresses set forth:

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Mary ¢. Salane-Walker

Cayce, South Carolina This 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012